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25X1D [] Wuchou Shipyards Kuei River (Figure 1) has been in operation since
25X1D [] Two vessel types which appeared in North Vietnam in early
[] have been observed in production exclusively at this yard. Since
neither vessel is commonly seen in China, it is reasonable to conclude
that this yard was initially constructed to support and produce vessels
for North Vietnam.

Wuchou is located at the confluence of the Hsi and Kuei Rivers in a
mountainous area of southern China. The shipyard is 1.7 nautical miles
north of Wuchou and 175 nm (via the Hsi River) from the coast.

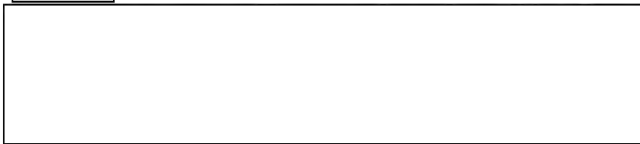
The yard did not exist in [] and there was no evidence of
construction at the site; however, by [] the yard was nearly
complete, but there was no discernible vessel production.

25X1D [] at least two probable SL-1 small logistics vessels
(Figure 2) were fitting out and at least two more were on the ways. The
last coverage of SL-1 production was in [] and the SL-1 program was
probably terminated shortly thereafter.

25X1D The first observation of SL-1 units in North Vietnam was during the
Tet truce in early []

From the available coverage, it is estimated that a total of 25 (+ 6)
SL-1 units were produced. The first units probably took about four months
from keel-laying to launch; the later units appear to have required only
three months. Although the fitting out period is impossible to determine,
it is estimated at two months.

25X1B There was no interpretable coverage of the Wuchou area between []
25X1D [] Determination of activity on the ways was precluded
on the [] coverage, but eight probable Type-40 POL barges (Figure
3) were fitting out. Barges of this type appeared in Haiphong as early as
25X1D []



25X1D

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FIGURE 2. SL-1 IN TONKIN GULF

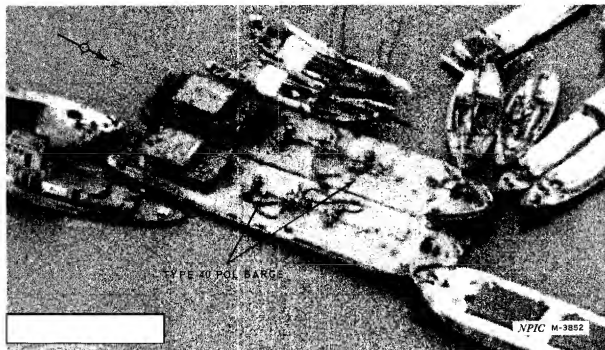


FIGURE 3. TYPE-40 POL BARGES IN HAIPHONG

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